

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 5-12 with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

A method, ~~storage medium, and electronic device~~~~apparatus, system, and signal-bearing medium~~ are provided that in an embodiment register a plurality of information suppliers and a plurality of areas of interest associated with the plurality of respective information suppliers. One of the plurality of areas of interest associated with one of the plurality of information suppliers is found that matches a field of interest requested by a client. A plurality of records is requested from the one of the plurality of information suppliers. A model norm is created based on a data dictionary, wherein a format of the data dictionary is standardized by an agreement among the plurality of information suppliers. A subset of a plurality of characteristics is selected from the plurality of records based on the model norm. A report is prepared with the subset. The subset of the plurality of characteristics is ordered in the report based on a relative significance of the characteristics in the model norm, wherein the relative significance specifies a different order of the characteristics than the plurality of records. The plurality of records is ordered in the report based on a sort rule in the model norm. A favored norm is received from the one of the plurality of information suppliers of a selected record in the report. A second subset of the plurality of characteristics is selected from the plurality of records, wherein the favored norm specifies the second subset. A second report is created with the second subset~~receive records from information suppliers and prepare a report, which includes a subset of the characteristics of the records. The characteristics are selected based on a model norm, and the characteristics are ordered within the report based on a relative significance specified in the model norm. Also, the records are ordered within the report based on a sort rule in the model norm. In this way, the records received from disparate information suppliers are normalized by the model norm to use a consistent format, which is more convenient for the requestor of the report.~~